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CAMÉLÉONS

Boettger's Chameleon

Calumma boettgeri

Calumma boettgeri is one of the smallest chameleons, only 8-10 cm long, with a soft, round-oval rostral appendage and subdued colours in yellow, greenish brown and beige. It lives in rainforest in north-western Madagascar, including the islands of Nosy Be and Nosy Komba. The species needs warm, humid air with cooler nights and is for the experienced keeper. Its boundaries have been unclear.

Famille: Chamaeleonidae Ancien nom: *Chamaeleo boettgeri; Chamaeleon boettgeri; Chamaeleon macrorhinus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**8-10 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**3-5 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole**
Habitat	**Forêt tropicale humide**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**40 × 40 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**22-27 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**27-29 °C**
Température, nuit	**16-20 °C**
Hygrométrie	**70-100 %**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Insectes et petits invertébrés (collemboles, drosophiles)**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**9 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**4-5 œufs**
Incubation	**90 jours** à 22-24 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Calumma boettgeri*. The climate below is based on measurements from the species' habitats.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the temperature should be 22-27 °C, with a basking spot of 27-29 °C. The temperature must not exceed 29 °C on the warmest branches.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity must be high: 70-80 % for part of the day and higher at night, up to 100 % after misting.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and needs bright daylight for 12 hours a day. UVB is recommended. Aim for Ferguson zone 2, that is a UV index of about 2-3 on the highest branches, with a T5 HO UVB tube and plenty of shade.
ALIMENTATION	*C. boettgeri* eats small insects: fruit flies, springtails, small crickets and small grasshoppers. The feeder insects must be small, because the animal itself is so small. Young are fed daily, adults every other day.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is kept singly, because individuals are aggressive towards one another. Handling should be limited to what is necessary, and a new animal is given two weeks in peace.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Madagascar.